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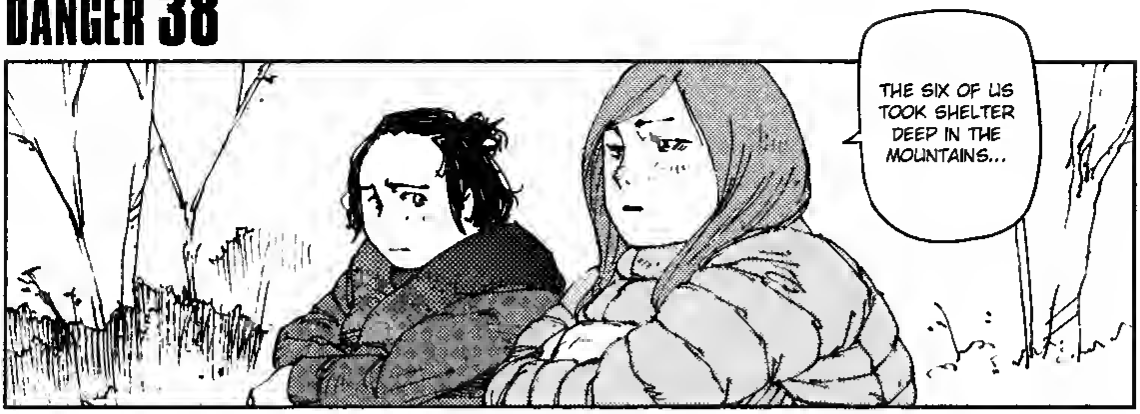
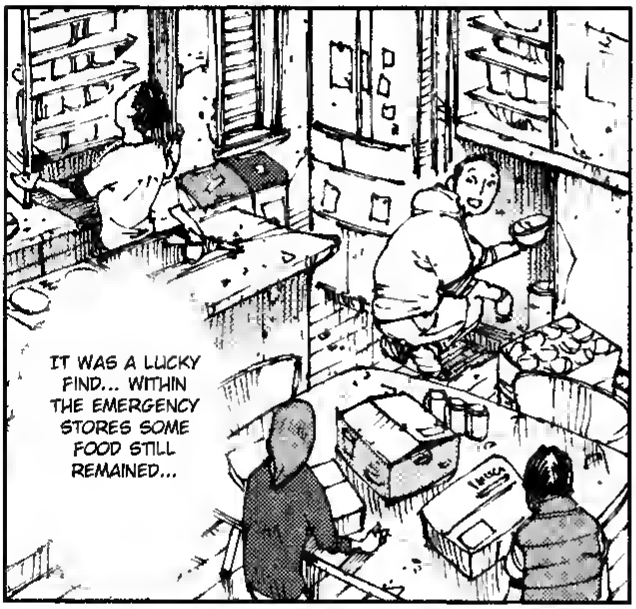

THE SIX OF US TOOK SHELTER DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS...


IT WAS A LUCKY FIND... WITHIN THE EMERGENCY STORES SOME FOOD STILL REMAINED...

THERE WE FOUND A PARTIALLY DESTROYED VILLA...
WHILE RUINED, IT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP OUT THE ELEMENTS.
NO ONE WAS AROUND... SO WE DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN THERE...

WHILE THEY HAD A GARDEN WITH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES GROWING.

THERE WERE SEEDS TOO, SO WE ALL TRIED TO RAISE VARIOUS CROPS OURSELVES.
LIFE WAS CERTAINLY TOUGH OVER THERE...
AH WHY IS IT...
WE SORTED OUT DRINKING WATER AND OUR SANITARY WORRIES...
AND, HAVING DIVIED OUT ROLES, WE WERE SOMEHOW MANAGING TO GET BY...
BUT I FELT AT THE TIME THAT, IF WE ALL DID OUR BEST AND WORKED TOGETHER...
WE'D BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.

WE'D HAVE FIGHTS AND QUARRELS EVERY DAY.
HAAH? NOT WHEN I'M TALKING LIKE THIIIS...?
NO NO, I DON'T GET THAT AT ALL...
OF COURSE I DIDN'T WANT TO REMAIN LIKE THAT FOREVER... AT SOME POINT I WANTED MY ORDINARY LIFE TO RETURN...
...
STILL, THAT TOO ENDED...
YET EVEN SO IT WAS SOMETHING...
IT HAPPENED JUST A SHORT WHILE BEFORE I MADE IT HERE...

YOU'LL GO IN TODAY'S SALAD.
SO GOOD, SOO GOOD!
GLAD TO SEE THEM GROWING IN THIS COLD.
OOH! THEY LOOK READY TO EAT.
HM?
SEEMS HE WAS THE LAST MAN....
AAH... JUST THE WOMEN LEFT THEN.
TO...

GEEZ, WHAT ARE THE BOYS DOING.
THE MEAL'S ALL READY.
I KNOW RIGHT.
I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED KO-CHIN TO GET THE VEGGIES, SO I'LL GO CALL THEM.
THANKS AKIKO!
MM, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
OF COURSE THE MOMENT WE SAY THAT SOMEONE GETS BACK.
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WELCOME BACK. YOU'RE LATE, THE FOOD'S READY.
...?

WHAT'S THE MATTER KO-CHIN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
EH... KO-CHIN?
KYAAAAH!
?!
HUH...?!
WHO ARE YOU LOT?! DON'T COME IN!
NO, STOP!
EH?!
KO-CHIN, COME ON ALREADY! SOMETHING BAD'S HAPPENING!

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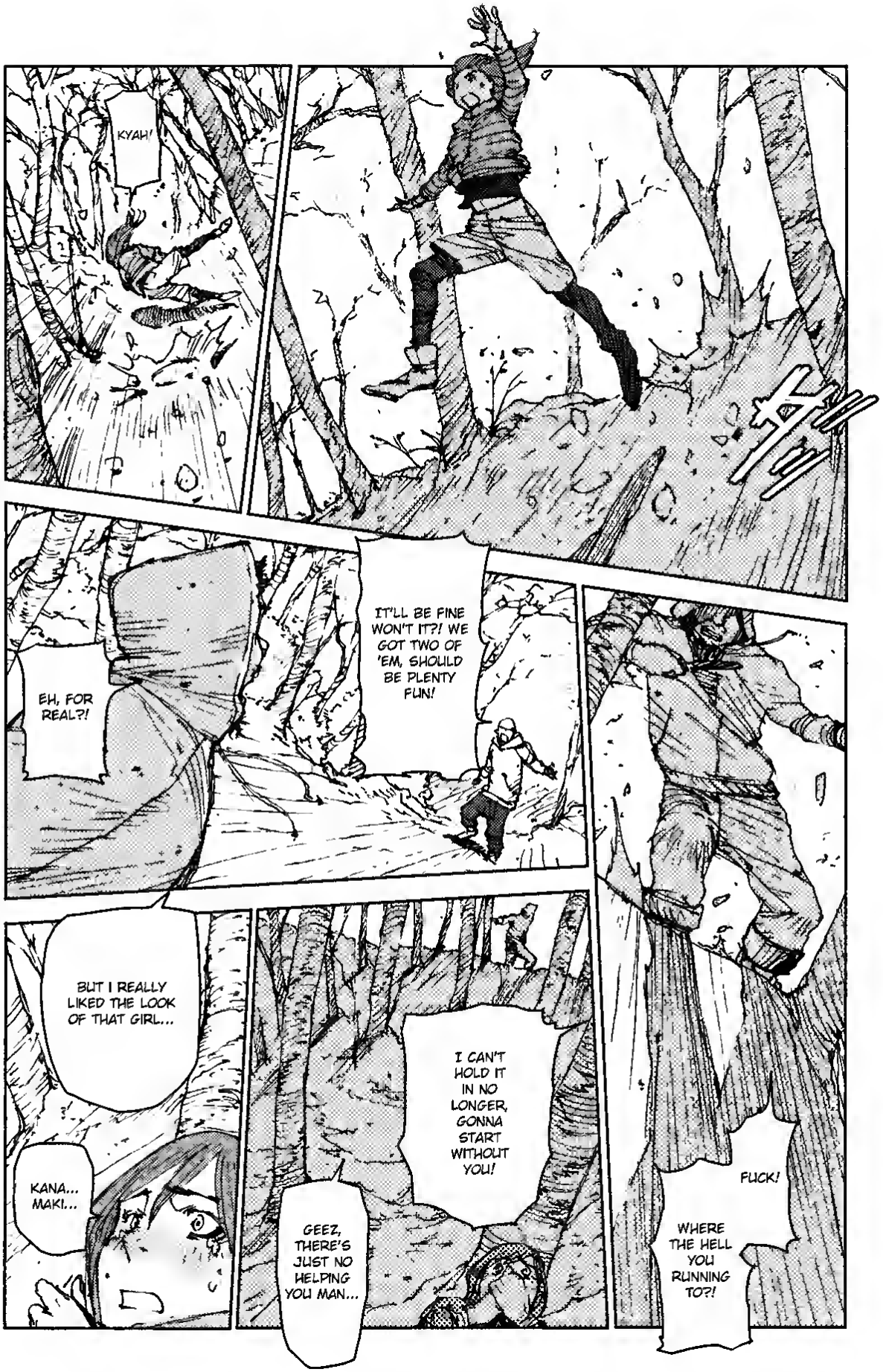
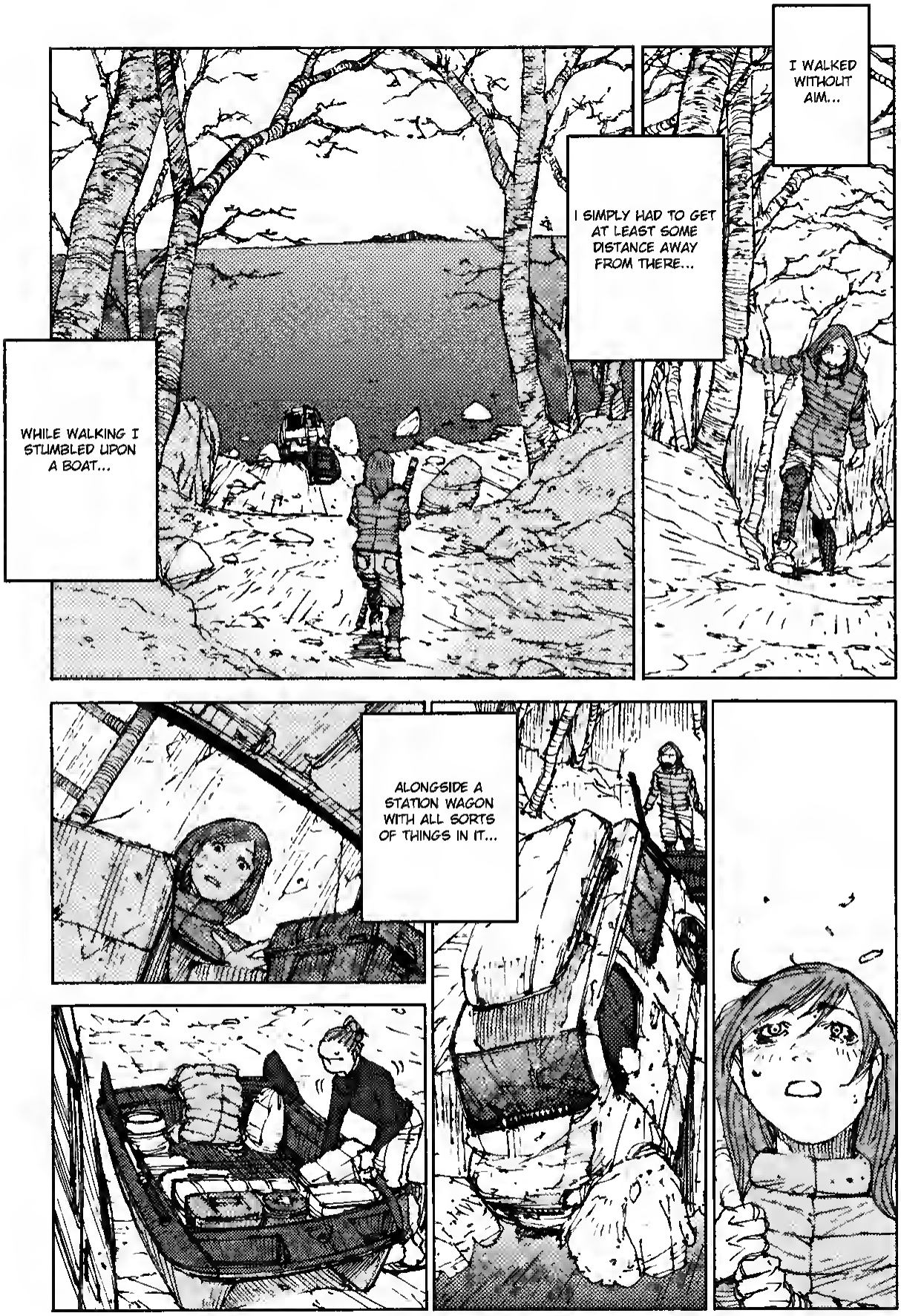
THERE'S ONE MORE OUT HERE!
I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN...
I MEAN, WHAT ELSE COULD ONE GIRL DO BY HERSELF...


KYAH!
IT'LL BE FINE WON'T IT?! WE GOT TWO OF 'EM, SHOULD BE PLENTY FUN!
EH, FOR REAL?!
BUT I REALLY LIKED THE LOOK OF THAT GIRL...
KANA... MAKI...
I CAN'T HOLD IT IN NO LONGER, GONNA START WITHOUT YOU!
GEEZ, THERE'S JUST NO HELPING YOU MAN...
FUCK!
WHERE THE HELL YOU RUNNING TO?!


I WALKED WITHOUT AIM...
I SIMPLY HAD TO GET AT LEAST SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM THERE...
WHILE WALKING I STUMBLED UPON A BOAT...
ALONGSIDE A STATION WAGON WITH ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN IT...

PANIC SET IN... THUS, AMIDST THE COLD, I SET OFF TO SEA IN THE TINY BOAT...
AT SOME POINT I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS... I COULD WELL HAVE SIMPLY DIED...
I COULDN'T RETURN BACK THERE... I COULDN'T STAY WHERE I WAS...
HA-HAHA.
AHA-HAHA.
THEN I...
SUDDENLY FOUND OUT THAT I'D KICKED YOU, SATORU-KUN...
I SEE... YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT... I FIGURED I WAS GONNA DIE MANY TIMES BUT...
NEVER LIKE THE BAD THINGS YOU FACED AKIKO-SAN...

I KNOW THAT... IT MAY SEEM CRAZY...
スタ...
IF THERE ARE OTHERS OVER THERE, I WANT TO CROSS TO THE ISLAND!
BUT EVEN SO... NOTWITHSTANDING...
AKIKO-SAN.
I DON'T THINK... YOU'RE CRAZY SATORU-KUN...
スタ...
NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT TO GO!

I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR LIFE HERE ALL BY YOURSELF SATORU-KUN.
BUT SINCE WAKING UP IT'S SEEMED ALL THE MORE CLEAR TO ME...
NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S TOO MUCH FOR PEOPLE TO TRY TO SURVIVE BY THEMSELVES.
HUMANS ARE COMMUNAL CREATURES, THEY LIVE IN SOCIETIES WHICH ALLOW THEM TO SUPPORT AND SYMPATHISE WITH ONE ANOTHER.
SATORU-KUN... YOU DID WELL BY YOURSELF.
I'M GLAD YOU SURVIVED.
THANKS TO THAT I'M NOT BY MYSELF NOW.
AKIKO-SAN.

LET'S CROSS TO THE ISLAND.
HAVING SAID THAT, THERE WAS NO REALISTIC WAY FOR THEM TO IMMEDIATELY HEAD OVER TO THE ISLAND.
FOR THE TIME BEING THE TWO WOULD BE LIVING ON THEIR CURRENT ISLAND.
THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM WHEN THE BOY WAS LIVING BY HIMSELF. INDEED A WHOLE HOST OF NEW TROUBLES WERE JUST BEGINNING.